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(Constitution at 31st December, 1967)

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Councillor Mrs. A. Waters
Councillor Mrs. E.J. Wickenden

* Members on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee
' Standing Deputy on South West Kent Joint Health Committee

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

P.A. CROWLEY, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(also Principal Medical Officer, Kent County Council (Area No.4); Visiting Medical Officer, Hawkenbury Hospital Isolation Wing)

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DOROTHY N. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(also Assistant County Medical Officer, Kent County Council)

(Appointed 1.1.67)

CLERICAL STAFF

TUNBRIDGE WELLS OFFICE:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. D.E. Tebbit
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TONBRIDGE OFFICE:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. E.M. Tibbles
Typist/Clerk: Mrs. M. Webster

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Chief Public Health Inspector amd Cleansing Officer

E.J.A. Bettle (a, d and g)

District Public Health Inspectors

H.B. Cade (a and d)
S.C. Clark (a and d)
A.D. Lofts (a and d)
R.H. Terry (a and d)

Authorised Meat Inspector

G.T. Harris (i) appointed 16.1.67.

Technical Assistant:

R. Dunnett

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk

Miss W.A. Bloom

Rodent Operator

C. Akhurst

(a) Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.
(b) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board.
(c) Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board.
(d) Meat and Other Foods Inspection Certificate of Royal Society of Health.
(e) Smoke Inspectors' Certificate of Royal Society of Health.
(f) Sanitary Science Certificate of Royal Society of Health.
(g) Diploma, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.
(h) Diploma of Shops Acts Administration.
(i) Royal Society of Health Certificate in Meat Inspection.

Mr. R.C. Spalding, M.A., F.R.I.C., acts as County Analyst for the District.

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

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June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the Sevenoaks Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for your District for 1967. This is the first occasion that a separate report has been published for each of the seven constituent authorities in the South West Kent Joint Health Area.

Group statistics for the seven Districts are given on pages 7 to 10 for comparison purposes. Details of the County Services available in the District are included in the Report and it is hoped that these will prove of value.

The first part of the Report deals with Staff, Statistics, Health Services and Infectious Disease, and the second part deals with Sanitary Circumstances of the District, Housing, and Inspection and Supervision of Food. A separate report by the Chief Public Health Inspector is not given but the record of the work is incorporated and I am very grateful to Mr. Bettle for his valued contribution towards the compilation of this Report.

The POPULATION for the District, as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid 1967 was 43,920, an increase of 580 over the mid 1966 figure.

The Population for the Joint Health Area for mid 1967 was 189,000, an increase of 1,890 over the mid 1966 figure.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE (number of births per 1,000 population) for the District in 1967 was 14.4, compared with 15.02 in the previous year. The ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE for the District was 15.4, compared with 16.07 in the previous year. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1967 was 17.2.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE (number of deaths per 1,000 population) for the District in 1967 was 8.3, compared with 9.27 in the previous year. The ADJUSTED DEATH RATE for the District was 8.0, compared with 9.17 in the previous year. The Death Rate for England and Wales in 1967 was 11.2.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under one year of age) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 11.0 compared with 10.75 for the District in the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 18.3. A table showing the causes of deaths of infants in the Rural District is given on page 11.

The NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under four weeks) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 7.9, compared with 9.22 in the previous year. The neo-natal mortality rate for England and Wales was 12.5.

The EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under one week) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 7.9, compared with 9.22 in the previous year.

The PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined) per 1,000 live and stillbirths for the District in 1967 was 19.0, compared with 16.77 in the previous year. The Peri-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 25.4.

No MATERNAL DEATH occurred in the District in 1967.

CAUSES OF DEATH. A table supplied by the Registrar-General showing the causes of death is given on pages 9 and10. The commonest cause of death in the Rural District in 1967 was Coronary Disease - 87 deaths, an increase of 12 over the figure for the previous year.

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm of Lung or Bronchus during the year were 15 male and 6 female, and a table showing deaths from this cause for the District during the past 10 years is given on page 11.

Deaths occurring from Motor Vehicle Accidents numbered 5, compared with 8 in the previous year. Deaths from all other accidents totalled 2, compared with 3 in the previous year.

Infectious Disease

The number of cases of infectious disease notified in the District is given on pages 12 and 13.

I am pleased to report that no cases of Diphtheria or Acute Poliomyelitis were notified during 1967. In spite of the continued absence of these diseases, I would once again appeal to all parents to accept the facilities offered for immunisation.

Measles was prevalent during the year; a total of 592 cases were notified, the greatest number being in the months of February and March. No deaths occurred.

Two cases of Paratyphoid Fever were notified - in one case the infection was contracted overseas, whilst in the other case after exhaustive investigation no source of infection could be traced.

An outbreak of Sonne Dysentery occurred in a boarding school for boys. In all, 28 cases were notified and these mainly occurred concurrently. There were no secondary cases and, although the school also had day pupils, no case was reported amongst these.

Tuberculosis

During 1967 two new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified; one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred. In 1966 the corresponding figures were - New cases: two Pulmonary and two Non-Pulmonary; Deaths: one Pulmonary and one Non-Pulmonary.

A table showing the number of deaths and death rates from Tuberculosis during the past 10 years is given on page 15.

Immunisation and Vaccination

On pages 15 and 16 of the Report, figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer are given showing the number of persons vaccinated against Poliomyelitis and Smallpox, and also the number of persons immunised against Diphtheria with Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

Home Safety

Valuable work continued to be carried out during the year by the Home Safety Committee.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Members, Chief Officers and Officials of the Council for their interest and support, and the Staff of the Health Department for their loyalty and conscientious work during the year. I should also like to thank the Medical Practitioners and Voluntary Workers for their co-operation during 1967.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.A. CROWLEY

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area:	62,951 acres
Population:	
(R.G.'s Estimate mid 1967)	43,920
(R.G.'s Estimate mid 1966)	43,340
Density of population, i.e. number of persons per acre:	0.7
Number of inhabited houses:	13,573
Rateable value:	£1,605,488
Sum produced by a penny rate:	£6,400

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	117	321	108	59	239	318	309	1,471
		Female	97	276	78	58	213	296	298	1,316
		Total	214	597	186	117	452	614	607	2,787
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	7	17	7	3	14	15	35	98
		Female	8	19	14	5	20	12	33	111
		Total	15	36	21	8	34	27	68	209
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			229	633	207	125	486	641	675	2,996
CRUDE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of mid-year population 1967			13.9	14.4	11.4	12.7	17.1	22.5	15.5	15.8
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			17.5	15.4	12.9	14.5	17.6	22.1	17.1	-
STILL BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	1	3	3	-	2	4	6	19
		Female	-	4	2	1	3	1	3	14
		Total	1	7	5	1	5	5	9	33
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
		Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Total	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			1	7	6	1	5	6	9	35
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			4.0	11.0	28.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	11.5
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			230	640	213	126	491	647	684	3,031

	Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year) Male	2	5	1	-	5	3	9	25
Female	1	2	-	1	4	5	4	17
Total	3	7	1	1	9	8	13	42
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:- All infants per 1,000 live births	13.0	11.0	5.0	8.0	19.0	12.0	19.0	14.0
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.0	7.9	0.0	8.0	10.3	9.4	8.9	8.7
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	8.7	7.9	0.0	8.0	10.3	6.2	7.4	7.3
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	13.0	19.0	28.0	16.0	20.0	15.0	20.0	18.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)births	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS Male	88	175	92	51	166	137	268	977
Female	97	189	107	63	145	143	426	1,170
Total	185	364	199	114	311	280	694	2,147
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid-year population 1967	11.2	8.3	10.9	11.6	10.9	9.8	16.0	11.4
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General	0.90	0.96	0.79	0.81	0.86	0.95	0.56	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE	10.1	8.0	8.6	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.0	-

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)
(1)

	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	-	1	1
Syphlitic disease	2	1	3
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	30	14	44
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	83	27	110
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	41	41
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	14	14
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	93	106	199
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	6	5	11
Diabetes	8	7	15
Vascular lesions of nervous system	115	177	292
Coronary disease, angina	258	192	450
Hypertension with heart disease	11	26	37
Other heart disease	78	215	293
Other circulatory disease	48	75	123
Influenza	2	2	4
Pneumonia	45	87	132
Bronchitis	56	25	81
Other diseases of respiratory system	14	11	25
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	8	10	18
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	3	8	11
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	1	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	-	5
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	9	3	12
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	56	84	140
Motor vehicle accidents	19	9	28
All other accidents	10	19	29
Suicide	9	6	15
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
TOTALS	977	1,170	2,147

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)
(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tunbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
1	1	4	4	5	1	3	-	4	-	5	3	8	5
4	2	15	6	7	1	3	1	17	9	12	2	25	6
-	2	-	10	-	1	-	3	-	7	-	5	-	13
-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	2	-	3
8	5	18	18	8	15	6	8	19	12	10	21	24	27
-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3
1	-	1	2	2	2	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-
9	13	18	22	7	15	5	11	23	23	20	18	33	75
36	22	54	33	30	22	15	9	37	20	30	29	56	57
1	3	2	3	1	3	-	4	3	4	1	5	3	4
5	18	13	28	4	8	6	6	15	20	8	23	27	112
3	13	5	13	3	9	2	5	7	10	4	4	24	21
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
6	5	7	15	4	10	2	6	8	14	4	8	14	29
3	2	13	8	8	3	3	-	7	2	11	1	11	9
1	1	2	3	2	-	-	1	2	3	3	1	4	2
-	-	-	1	1	3	1	1	3	-	1	-	2	5
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	3
1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-
3	4	8	10	6	6	1	4	10	9	11	13	17	38
1	1	1	4	2	2	1	-	5	1	6	-	3	1
1	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	2	4	3	4	9
-	-	5	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	3	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	97	175	189	92	107	51	63	166	145	137	143	268	426

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Congenital Malformations	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Prematurity	2	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	7

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1958	-	-	-	-	8	3	2	2	2	-	12	5
1959	-	-	1	-	9	-	5	1	3	1	18	2
1960	-	-	2	-	7	2	1	-	-	1	10	3
1961	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	3	2	1	8	4
1962	-	-	-	-	13	1	3	-	-	-	16	1
1963	-	-	-	1	11	1	6	3	3	-	20	5
1964	-	-	-	-	5	2	3	-	1	2	9	4
1965	-	-	-	-	11	-	5	1	4	-	20	1
1966	-	-	-	-	13	-	4	-	4	1	21	1
1967	-	-	-	-	9	3	4	2	2	1	15	6
TOTALS	-	-	3	1	90	12	35	12	21	7	149	32

AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	Total Cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and Over
Scarlet Fever	19	-	1	1	1	4	10	1	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	1	-	3	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	592	10	48	83	61	70	299	11	6	3	1	-
Dysentery	28	-	-	-	1	-	3	21	-	1	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis												
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	37	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	13	17
Acute Encephalitis												
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post Infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Erysipelas	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
Food Poisoning	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis												
Pulmonary	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	700	12	50	87	67	76	316	34	10	9	19	20

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	2	2	5	-	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	1	19
Whooping Cough	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	10
Measles	72	142	157	58	58	70	29	2	3	-	1	-	592
Dysentery	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	23	-	-	28
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis													
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	6	7	4	1	5	-	3	3	-	-	7	37
Acute Encephalitis													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post Infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	6
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis													
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	79	151	172	66	61	83	30	5	13	28	4	8	700

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	Pulmonary MALE	Non-Pulmonary MALE	Pulmonary FEMALE	Non-Pulmonary FEMALE	TOTAL
Cases on register at beginning of year	112	17	94	18	241
Cases added	2	-	3	2	7
Cases removed	4	-	2	1	7
Cases remaining	110	17	95	19	241

NUMBER OF DEATHS AND DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths	Rate per 1,000		TOTAL
	No. of cases notified	Deaths	No. of cases notified	Deaths		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
*1958	19	1	1	1	2	0.03	0.03	0.06
1959	9	1	4	-	1	0.03	0.00	0.03
1960	6	3	1	-	3	0.08	0.00	0.08
*1961	14	3	1	-	3	0.07	0.00	0.07
1962	6	-	2	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
*1963	10	1	-	-	1	0.02	0.00	0.02
1964	7	1	2	-	1	0.02	0.00	0.02
1965	6	2	3	-	2	0.05	0.00	0.05
*1966	2	1	2	1	2	0.02	0.02	0.04
1967	2	1	1	-	1	0.02	0.00	0.02

* Denotes year Mass Radiography Unit visited the District

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION
(with Whooping Cough & Tetanus)

The following table gives the Diphtheria Immunisation (in combination) figures for the District for 1967, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	Triple	Diph/Tet.	Triple	Diph/Tet.
1967	370	9	-	-
1966	290	14	45	9
1965	6	5	151	107
1964	5	2	59	42
1963	4	7	13	26
1960/62	-	4	99	281
1951/59	-	25	10	26
TOTAL	675	66	377	491

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table gives the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for the District for 1967, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

Year of Birth	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
1967	187	-
1966	321	-
1965	30	-
1964	13	-
1963	8	15
1960/62	12	368
1951/59	-	14
TOTAL	571	397

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table gives the vaccination figures for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

Primary Vaccination 1 year	Re-Vaccination School age but under 8 years
403	6

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

	Number of Homes	Number of Beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes registered during year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	1	-	13	13

Visits of inspection, and special visits as required, are made to the above Nursing Home during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr. A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

Staff Medical Examinations

During the year seven medical examinations were carried out for the District for superannuation purposes.

International Vaccination Certificates

There is an increasing demand for the authentication of Doctors' signatures on International Vaccination Certificates. This work involves, therefore, ever increasing demands on the time of the clerical staff. In connection with international travel, follow-up of persons arriving in this country without valid certificates is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health as and when requested by the Port Health Authority.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

provided by the Kent County Council

Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at Moor Road, Sevenoaks.(Tel. Sevenoaks 51088)

Principal Welfare Officer

Mr. R.A. Allison,
Kent County Council District Office,
152, London Road, Sevenoaks.
Tel. Sevenoaks 52833

Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the District Office of the County Council.

Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the District Office of the County Council.

Domestic Help Service

Domestic help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Area Domestic Help Organiser - Miss L. McEwan,
39 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342

District Domestic Help Organiser- Miss E.M. Eastwood,
152, London Road, Sevenoaks.
Tel. Sevenoaks 55440

Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

Family Care Service

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up . Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

Health Visitors

Mrs. Adams	Miss Ridley
Mrs. Fuller	Miss Shiel
Miss Howard	Mrs. Whitson
Miss Norton	Mrs. Woodhams

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES & CLINICS

Centre	Service	Day and Time
Chiddingstone Village Hall.	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Thurs. P.M.
Dunton Green, Donnington Hall.	Child Welfare	1st, 3rd & 5th Tues. P.M.
Edenbridge, Stangrove Park, Station Road. (Tel. Edenbridge 2297)	Child Welfare	Tues. P.M.
	Relaxation Class) Midwives' Clinic)	1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M.
	Chiropody	Tues. A.M. Wed. P.M.
	Dental	Alt. Mon. A.M. & P.M. (Tues. if req.)
	Ophthalmic	Mon. P.M.
Halstead Village Hall	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Thurs. P.M.
Hever, Village Hall, Four Elms.	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Wed. P.M.
Kemsing, St. Edith's Hall, High Street.	Child Welfare	Wed. P.M.
Leigh, Village Hall, High Street.	Child Welfare	1st and 3rd Thurs. P.M.
Otford, Memorial Hall.	Child Welfare	Fri. A.M.
	Ante Natal & Relaxation Class) Midwives' Clinic)	1st and 3rd Tues. P.M.
Penshurst, Village Hall.	Child Welfare	1st and 3rd Wed. P.M.
Seal, Village Hall.	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Tues. P.M.
Shoreham, Church Room, High Street.	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Wed. P.M.
Stone Street, St. Laurence Hall.	Child Welfare	2nd Fri. P.M.
Sundridge, Village Hall, Main Road.	Child Welfare	1st and 3rd Tues. P.M.
Weald, Memorial Hall.	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Tues. P.M.
Westerham, Women's Institute Hall.	Child Welfare	1st and 3rd Thurs. P.M.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital
Kent and Sussex Hospital
Homoeopathic Hospital
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital
Hawkenbury Hospital
Edenbridge and District Memorial Hospital
David Salomons House, Southborough

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:
Orpington Hospital, Orpington.
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital
Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks
Sundridge Hospital

Chest Clinics

Address	Days	Times
Baltic Road, Tonbridge.	Monday	All Day
Pembury Hospital, Pembury.	Wednesday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.	Friday	All Day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Department, Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.	Tuesday (females)	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
	Tuesday (males)	11.a.m. to 12 noon

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply

Sevenoaks Rural District is supplied with mains water from five public utility companies. The supplies in general were satisfactory and no complaints were received of inadequacy. Sampling was carried out as a matter of routine of all main supplies, boreholes, wells and springs, etc.

Examination reports on water samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory	No. of samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory
Statutory supply undertakings	82	81	1	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	62	41	21	-	-	-
Other private sources	5	-	5	1	1	-

The unsatisfactory sample of main water was taken at a farm. After the storage tanks were cleaned, subsequent water samples proved satisfactory.

Approximately 15,519 properties in the District are supplied by public water mains, 207 have a piped supply other than mains, and 31 are supplied from wells, etc. and not piped to the dwellings.

At the end of the year work was about to commence on schemes to provide main water to two estates in the Westerham and Shoreham areas which were previously supplied by springs and rain water.

One chlorination plant was replaced on a private estate, and cleansing was carried out in other cases, bringing about an improvement in the supply.

One house which was previously supplied by rain water was connected to the main.

The following mains extensions were carried out during the year:-

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

A total of 500 yards of mains extensions were carried out within the Company's Statutory Area.

The Mid Kent Water Company

Routine mains extensions were carried out and the Company now supply 1,362 properties in the District.

The East Surrey Water Company

No important mains extensions were carried out during the year, but work continued on the Bough Beech Reservoir and it is hoped that water will be available for supply in the year 1969/70.

The Metropolitan Water Board

No important mains extensions were carried out during the year in that part of the District supplied by the Board.

Special reports have been received from the Water Companies on the plumbo-solvent action of their water supply, and it is clear from these that the lead content of the waters is well within the recognised safety limit of lead in a communal drinking water.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Extensions of the sewer have been carried out in Chafford Lane, Fordcombe, and the Knotley Hall (Leigh) area, resulting in 28 properties and one caravan site with 80 caravans, previously served by cesspools, being connected to main drainage.

Twenty-two further connections were made to the Crockham Hill sewer, and four other connections were made from properties in the district, to the main. The cesspools previously serving these properties were abolished.

Eleven bucket closets were disused, they having been replaced by water-borne systems.

Mr. R.J. Hills, the Engineer and Surveyor, has kindly supplied the undermentioned information:-

A five million gallon lagoon was constructed at the Edenbridge Sewage Treatment Works for the retention of surplus storm water pending treatment. Initially the lagoon is being used experimentally for the storage and tertiary treatment of effluent. The existing sludge cold digestion lagoon system was extended during the year.

Improvements to treatment facilities were made at Chiddingstone Causeway and further work will be carried out in 1968. A total of 13,724 ft. of new public sewers were laid throughout the District and a further 12,873 ft. of private sewers were laid of which 5,728 ft. will be adopted in the future.

Arrangments are in hand for improvements to sewers at Leigh, Dunton Green, Cowden and Fordcombe, whilst preliminary investigations are being carried out at Edenbridge and Weald.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

A further Dennis Paxit compression vehicle was brought into use during the year, replacing a side-loading vehicle.

The bulky collection service continues to be fully employed and is a service which is of great benefit to the locality.

4. Swimming Pools

Number of public swimming pools	Nil
Number of school swimming pools	17
Number of visits made during year	81
Number of samples taken:	
Satisfactory	50
Unsatisfactory	8

The general standard of water was found to be high, although eight samples failed to satisfy the test during a period of very hot weather. An improvement was brought about by increasing the chlorine dosage. The water in all the school pools in the District is subjected to chlorination.

5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated		999
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		10,887
Informal Notices:	Served during year	171
	Complied with during year	171
Statutory Notices:	Served during year	Nil
	Complied with during year	
	(a) by owners	Nil
	(b) by Local Authority in default	Nil
Legal proceedings taken during year		Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	1,015
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	389
Visits to Food Premises	3,442
Visits re Food Complaints	115
Swimming Pools	81
Factories Act, 1961	131
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	700
Shops Acts, 1950/65	197
Petroleum Act	531
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	170
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	39
Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	7
Pet Animals Act, 1951	19
Animals Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	47
Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	34
Hop Pickers' Camps	12
Caravan Sites	507
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	67
Noise Abatement	148
Infectious Disease Visits	175
Miscellaneous	3,061

Legal proceedings were instituted during the year as follows:-

Dirty milk bottle - firm fined £25 and £5. 5. 0. costs

Mouldy pies - 2 firms were involved and were fined £10 and £3. 3. 0. costs, and £10 and £5. 5. 0 costs respectively.

Warning letters were sent to firms concerned in seven other cases.

Gypsies

Once again a large amount of the Inspectors' time was spent in visiting the various unauthorised gypsy settlements around the area.

Regular visits were made to the Council's own authorised encampment at Hever Road, Edenbridge.

Council Encampment at Edenbridge

The controlled encampment at Hever Road, Edenbridge, which was opened in July, 1965, continues to be fully occupied and the children attend Edenbridge schools.

Whilst the great majority of the families endeavour to conform to the conditions laid down, there is, unfortunately, a small number who prevent any improvements in the general standard of the camp. The dumping of old car bodies and wilful damage to the sanitary accommodation, fencing, etc., is a continuing problem.

6. Hop Pickers' Camps

Number of camps in the District	2
Number of huts in the District	13
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	27
Number of inspections of hop pickers' camps during 1967	12

There was, once again, a decrease in the number of resident pickers, and the standard at the two camps was satisfactory. No cases of infectious disease were brought to notice.

7. Disinfestation

Infestations were dealt with as follows:-

Fleas 3: Flies 11: Ants 4: Beetles 1: Wasps 150:

Bees 17: Cockroaches 1: Miscellaneous 7:

8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	15,223	534
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	642	24
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	460	23
(ii) Mice	175	17
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	424	39
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	16	4
(ii) Mice	7	4

SEWERS

Sewer treatments were carried out during the year and infestations dealt with.

In a few cases of mouse infestations, some resistance was met to the poison utilised in the treatment. These infestations were cleared by the use of an alternative poison.

The Council operates a scheme for the treatment of Business and Agricultural premises by contract.

9. Rag, Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises	Nil

10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises	7
Number of inspections made during the year	39

11. Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made	7

12. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	2
Number of visits made	19

13. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises licensed	11
Number of visits made	47

14. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered	14

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	32	33	3	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	225	98	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	257	131	4	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	1	-	-	-
Total	4	4	1	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel Making etc.	4	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	85	40
Retail Shops	4	180	75
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	11	11
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	38	18
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Totals:	11	314	144

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 700

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contraventions	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	4	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	8	15	Eating Facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passage & stairs	6
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	2
9	Sanitary Conveniences	8	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing Facilities	7	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of Drinking Water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing Accommodation	2	24	First Aid General Provisions	24
				TOTAL	61

The above contraventions were brought to the notice of the owner or occupier, as appropriate, by informal and formal notices.

(C) Exemptions — Number of applications received ... ... Nil

Number of applications granted ... ... Nil

(D) Prosecutions — Number instituted and completed during the year ... ... Nil

(E) Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported	Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	1	-	-	-	-	1
Retail Shops	3	1	-	-	-	2
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	9	7	-	-	2	2
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	13	8	-	-	2	5

The accidents reported as not having been investigated were of a minor nature and required no subsequent action.

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	-	-	1	-	-
Transport	-	-	2	-	-
Falls of persons	-	-	2	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	1	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	2	4	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	1	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:

	Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		Totals	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	-	3	65	-	65	3
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	-	3	65	-	65	3

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957

Number of	(i)	Undertakings accepted (section 16)	4
	(ii)	Closing Orders made (section 17)	2
	(iii)	Demolition Orders made (section 17)	-
	(iv)	Closing Orders made (section 18)	-
	(v)	Closing Orders determined (section 27) ...	3
	(vi)	Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (section 28) ...	-
	(vii)	Houses demolished following Demolition Orders	4

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during year	Nil
(2) Action taken during the year	Nil
(3) Purchase of houses by agreement	Nil

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Standard

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	5	-
(ii) Number of applications approved	5	-
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	3	-

	£.	s.	d.
(v) Amount paid in grants	145.	0.	0.
(vi) Average grant per house	48.	6.	8.

(vii) Amenities provided	(a) fixed bath	-
	(b) shower	-
	(c) wash hand basin	2
	(d) hot water supply (to any fittings)	2
	(e) water closet (1) within dwelling	1
	(2) accessible from dwelling	-
	(f) food store	1

(2) Discretionary

		Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i)	Number of applications received	30	13
(ii)	Number of applications approved	28	16
(iii)	Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv)	Number of dwellings improved	18	17

		£.	s.	d.
(v)	Amount paid in grants	12,130	0.	0.
(vi)	Average grant per house	346	11.	5.

(E) Improvement Areas - Housing Act 1964

(1) Number of Areas (a) Surveyed ... ... Nil

(b) Declared ... ... Nil

(2) Number of representations made by tenants ... ... Nil

(F) Houses in Multiple Occupation

No houses falling into this category were inspected during the year.

Land Charge Enquiries

A total of 1,307 land charge enquiries were dealt with during the year.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1967)

Number of site licences issued 55

Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites 284

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in District ... ... Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

Number of registered distributors - Milk 34) Cream 11) 45

Number of registered dairies - Wholesale ... ... Nil

Retail ... ... Nil

Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples
Untreated	31	1
Pasteurised	22	Nil
Sterilised	3	Nil

One sample of milk failed the methylene blue test. Subsequent samples proved satisfactory.

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered - (a) for the manufacture and sale of ice cream 2

(b) for the sale of ice cream 126

Results of samples taken:

Grade 1	72
Grade 2	16
Grade 3	2
Grade 4	3

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

Classification	No. on Register
Sausages	28
Hams	9
Brawn	1
Processed Meat Products	4
Meat Pies and sausage rolls	4
Spit cooking of poultry	3

4. Slaughterhouses

Number in District 2

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	911	157	3,779	8,894	4,951	8
Number inspected	911	157	3,779	8,894	4,951	8
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	1	8	56	107	14	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	241	63	56	1,946	892	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	26.56	45.22	2.96	23.08	18.29	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	26	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.52	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	8	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	8	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year 12

Number of new licences issued during the year 3

There was a considerable increase in the number of animals inspected due to the taking over of Leigh Slaughterhouse from 1st January, 1967, by Leigh Abattoir Ltd.

5. Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

CATEGORY OF TRADE	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks, etc.)	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Public Houses	89	89	89	89
Cafes, Restaurants & Canteens	84	84	84	84
Bakehouses	7	7	7	7
Section 16 (excluding Ice Cream)	49	49	49	49
Food Factories	6	6	6	6
Fishmongers	7	7	7	7
Fried Fish	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	30	30	30	30
Grocers	77	77	77	77
Butchers	27	27	27	27
Bakers Shops	11	11	11	11
Chemists	8	8	8	8
General Stores & Sweets	48	48	48	48
Ice Cream	128	128	128	128

A satisfactory standard was maintained throughout the District, and any defects found, which were mainly of a minor character, were quickly rectified. Routine inspections were carried out of all food premises in the District.

Inspections have been carried out of the stalls and vehicles operating from both within and without the District and a satisfactory standard has been maintained. Ten vehicles operate from within the District, the goods sold including groceries, fish and greengroceries. A number of vehicles also operate from outside the area and, in the main, these dispense ice cream.

Routine inspections were carried out of all the food factories in the District, and a high standard of hygiene has been maintained.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Sevenoaks Rural District during the year ended the 31st December, 1967.

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Milk	40	1
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)	3	1
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	9	1
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	13	-
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	7	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	6	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	14	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	2	-
Drugs, medicines	9	1
Ice Cream	1	-
Beer, wines, spirits	11	-
Miscellaneous	10	1
	125	5

Unsatisfactory Samples

Ham and Chicken Roll (canned) - deficient in meat content. Manufacturers contacted.

Untreated Farm Bottled Milk - contained 5% extraneous water. Retailer cautioned.

Violet Colour - contained blue VRS a non-permitted dye. Old Stock. Withdrawn from sale.

Brandy Flavoured Butter - Low in proof spirit. Manufacturers contacted.

Tincture of Myrrh and Borax B.P.C. 1949 - alcohol strength slightly below minimum 76%. Manufacturers informed.

7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	1
Number of visits to these premises	295
Total number of birds processed during the year	2,024,423
Type of birds processed	Broilers
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption ...	1.38%
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption ...	28 tons 18 cwt 27 lbs.

Daily visits are made to the one poultry packing establishment by the Authorised Meat Inspector. The firm involved employs a consultant bacteriologist who carries out regular tests, and the standard of hygiene obtained is high.

8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat	23	7	1	20	10
Tinned Foods	5	8	1	18	6
Other Food	-	12	2	21	14

Some foodstuff is removed to the Council's house refuse tips for destruction, and in other cases meat is sprayed with dye and removed for conversion to fertilisers, etc., under supervision.

Considerable time is spent on the inspection of consignments of meat and meat products at food factories, both for the home market and for export. It will be noted that the amount of meat condemned has increased considerably. This in the main has been due to condemnation of parts of sizeable consignments imported into the country. This included five large quantities which varied in weight between 13½ cwt. and 28¾ cwt. The cause of these condemnations was mould, black spot, and decomposition.

9. Food Poisoning

Two cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. The causative organism in both cases was Salmonella Typhi-murium.